

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

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PROCUREMENT OF EQUIPMENT

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering to direct telecom PSUs to procure equipment from domestic manufacturers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether this move would put telecom PSUs to a disadvantageous position as private operators would remain free to procure equipment from MNC vendors of their choice;
- (d) if so, whether the MTNL/BSNL is demanding level playing field for procurement norms; and
- (e) if so, the steps taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) to (e) Indigenous manufacture of telecom equipments is felt desirable with the objective, inter-alia, of the availability of desired quality/standard products at competitive rates, immediate availability of after-sales services and development of new technologies in the Country. A procurement framework, whereby only vendors who indigenously manufacture (or have definite plans to do so) certain telecom products are alone eligible for procurement is under active consideration by BSNL and MTNL.